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TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 3963

INFO AMEMBASSY DAR ES SALAAM

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AMEMBASSY LUSAKA

AMEMBASSY NAIROBI

AMEMBASSY PRETORIA

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SUBJECT: CODEL CLARK/BIDEN

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1. EMBASSY IS LOOKING FORWARD TO VISIT OF CODEL 29-30 AUGUST.
2. CONTROL OFFICER WILL BE POLITICAL COUNSELOR ERNEST GRIGG.
3. EMBASSY IS MAKING REQUESTED HOTEL RESERVATIONS IN INTERCONTINENTAL. AIRPORT ASSISTANCE AND ALL TRANSPORTATION WILL BE PROVIDED BY EMBASSY SO THAT CODEL WILL HAVE MAXIMUM FLEXIBILITY.
4. INFORMATION ON FLIGHT SCHEDULES TO AND FROM LUANDA AS WELL AS INFORMATION CONCERNING TRAVEL TO AND FROM BRAZZAVILLE WILL BE FORWARDED IN FUTURE TELEGRAM.

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5. WORKING HOURS VARY WITH MINISTRIES. IN GERNERAL, THE

WORKING DAY BEGINS AT 0730 AND ENDS AT 1730 WITH A LUNCH
BREAK BETWEEN 1200 AND 1500. HOWEVER, FOR PURPOSES OF
SCHEDULING APPOINTMENTS, THE LUNCH BREAK SHOULD NOT BE CONSIDERED
AS INHIBITING FACTOR. DINNER HOURS ARE VARIABLE AND IT IS
QUITE POSSIBLE TO HAVE COCKTAILS WITH ONE GROUP, DINNER
WITH ANOTHER AND LATE EVENING MEETING WITH YET ANOTHER.
BREAKFAST MEETINGS ARE ALSO CONSIDERED FEASIBLE.

6. WE ARE PRESENTLY ENJOYING COOL DRY SEASON SO LIGHT JACKETS
MAY BE WORN COMFORTABLY. RAIN APPAREL IS UNNECESSARY.

7. MESSAGE HAVE BEEN PASSED TO PRESIDENT MOBUTU AND
HOLDEN ROBERTO CONCERNING CODEL'S WISH TO VISIT WITH THEM.
AS GISCARD D'ESTAING ARRIVES IN KINSHASA TODAY AND REMAINS
THROUGH AUGUST 9, IT IS UNLIKELY THAT WE WILL RECEIVE IMMEDIATE
RESPONSE. HOWEVER, AS FAR AS WE KNOW PRESIDENT MOBUTU, HOLDEN
ROBERTO AND BISENGIMANA BWEIMA WILL BE IN TOWN, AND IT
IS OUR JUDGEMENT THAT THEY WILL WANT TO SEE CODEL. IF MOBUTU
FOLLOWS NORMAL PATTERN, HE WILL REQUEST THAT CODEL FIRST VISIT
WITH BISENGIMANA AND HOLDEN BEFORE CONVERSATIONS WITH THE PRESIDENT.
POSSIBLE SCHEDULE WOULD INCLUDE MEETING WITH BISENGIMANA
EVENING OF 29 AUGUST, NEXT MORNING MEETING WITH HOLDEN AND
AFTERNOON SESSION WITH MOBUTU.

8. IN ADDITION TO ABOVE NAMED PERSONS, EMBASSY WILL MAKE
AVAILABLE TO CODEL INDIVIDUALS WITH BROAD AND DIVERGENT
VIEWS ON STATE OF AFFAIRS IN ZAIRE.
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